

LITERARY NOTES.

The "Life and Letters of Frances Baroness Beauharnais," have for several weeks been out of print, and George Routledge & Sons announce as ready new impressions of both editions.

The coming volumes in the New Plutarch Series of G. P. Putnam's Sons, are "Jean of Arc," by Janet Lockett; "Victor Emmanuel," by Jean Ducey, and "Haroun al Raschid," by E. H. Palmer. A new volume will soon be added by the same publishers to the series of Knickerbocker Novels, its title being "The Heart of It," and its author W. O. Stoddard.

One of the chief attractions of the forthcoming March number of *Harper's Magazine* will be "A Winter Idyl," written and illustrated by William H. Glazebrook. It is a prose article, concerning the pleasures and familiar associations of winter; and those who remember Mr. Gibson's "Sing Hamlet and Hamtown," in the last August *Harper's*, need not be told that his sixteen drawings, from which the "Winter Idyl" will be illustrated, are exceedingly beautiful.

It is said of Edmond About, that after having devoted himself since the Franco-Prussian war to politics and public affairs, he has been induced as a practical protest against the Zola School, to return once more to literature and accordingly has begun the publication of a work which he calls "the Roman d'un Brave Home." One instalment only has yet appeared, but from this the Paris correspondents of the *Evening Post* judge that "his hand has no way left it running."

Mr. Halliwell-Phillipps, the Shakespeare scholar, has published another small pamphlet on the last signature of Shakespeare to his will. He says a distinguished scholar has pointed out to him the obvious fact, which curiously enough has escaped the notice of former writers, that the character following the letter *E* is a contraction for *ex*, which in Shakespeare's day was well known and accepted as such. All of which, if confirmed, go to show that the longer form of the poet's name is the correct one.

Some time this month Dodd, Mead & Co. expect to have ready their large-paper edition of "The Print Collector," edited by Mr. Robert Hoe, Jr., of which only fifty copies are to be sold. Several new illustrations will be added, while the Amand-Durand reproductions and the three etchings which were entrusted to the work by Mr. J. F. Sabine, will all be retained. The latter have been printed with special care on fine India paper.

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